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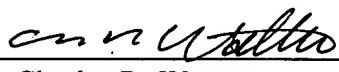
On page 2 of the September 23, 2003 Office Action, claims 1-32 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent 6,455,011.

Without acquiescing to such rejection, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

With the submission of this terminal disclaimer, it is submitted that this obviousness-type double patenting rejection is overcome, and that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early indication of the allowability of this application is respectfully requested.

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